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(d) whether complaints have been made to Government that some men are given more work and some less by the foremen of the composing section; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take?

A.—(a) The Superintendent, Government Press, has issued instructions that, when work is slack, work should first be given to permanent pieceworkers. There is no reason to suppose that those instructions have produced the results suggested in the question.

(b) & (c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The question does not arise.

Alleged re-entertainment of Annathurai Pathar in the Government Press.

*445 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one Annathurai Pathar who was a foreman of the type-foundry department on Rs. 40 was dismissed by Mr. T. Fisher, the former Superintendent;

(b) whether he was taken by Mr. Gilbert, the present Superintendent, on Rs. 55 in the day extra establishment as foreman of the same type-foundry department, keeping the permanent post of foreman of the department on Rs. 40 vacant;

(c) whether the sanction of Government was obtained to appoint the dismissed employee of fifty years old and make him permanent;

(d) whether it is a fact that the day extra post of Rs. 55 was an unnecessary additional post graded as Rs. 60—4—100 and made permanent; if so, why sanction was accorded to it; and

(e) whether the said Annathurai Pathar continued as foreman on Rs. 60—4—100 for five or six years and then retired; and if so, what was the pension or gratuity granted to him?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Mr. Annadurai Pathar was re-employed as foreman, type-foundry department, in the day extra establishment on Rs. 2-3-10 per day with effect from 26th January 1920, and was subsequently confirmed on Rs. 55 per mensem plus Rs. 16½ temporary allowance from 1st August 1921. A post of foreman was kept permanently vacant from 1st April 1920 to 1st March 1922.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) He was promoted to the grade of Rs. 60—4—100 from 1st March 1922 and he retired from service on 23rd October 1925. He was granted a gratuity of Rs. 440.

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapathi Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether Government have approved of the action of Mr. Gilbert in having made the appointment of a dismissed man?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur:—"Sir, with regard to that I have called for a report."

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Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapathi Mudaliyar :—" May I know, Sir, by what rules the Superintendent was guided in paying a gratuity of seven months' pay for four years' service ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" As I have said already, I have called for a report."

Alleged medical examination of Gopal, a binder, after having been once declared unfit for Government service.

* 446 Q.—Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one Gopal, a binder, was sent to the Surgeon, Fourth District, in the year 1922 or so for physical fitness and was found unfit for service and if so, why and on what date ;

(b) whether he was subsequently sent to the Surgeon, First District, for physical fitness who declared him fit for the service and if so, on what date and on what ground ; and

(c) why the Superintendent sent the employee to the Surgeon, First District, for physical fitness when the Surgeon, Fourth District, had found him unfit for service ?

A.—(a) *to* (c) The Government have no information.

Mr. C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the information has been called for ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :— " There are three persons by the name Gopal in the establishment, and therefore I am not able to get the information."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know whether the Government approve of a dismissed servant being taken into Government service again, and whether that is the policy of the Government ? "

The hon. the President :—" The question has been passed over."

Duties and qualifications of the Overseer, Government Press.

* 447 Q.—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the duties of the overseer in the Government Press ;

(b) the pay of the post ;

(c) the qualifications required for the post ; and

(d) whether the present permanent incumbent M. P. Govindaraja Naicker and the acting incumbent Raju Naicker possess the necessary qualifications ; if not why they have been appointed as overseers ?

A.—(a) A list [a] of duties of the overseer in the Government Press is annexed.

(b) The post is on a time-scale of Rs. 150—5—200 per mensem.

(c) The holder of the post should be a practical printer able to teach press and machine work and to supervise the press and machine section.

(d) Yes.

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